



November 2nd 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Yesterday, we were made aware of three TikTok accounts which used the Lockerbie Academy logo as the profile picture and posted content which was concerning. This has been investigated today. Posts shared on these accounts were of a bullying nature, and have caused some stress to pupils who were targeted, and some posts made reference to members of staff. A large number of pupils from our school have "followed" these accounts. Today, pupils who we could identify, have been spoken to for "liking" these posts. This incident is of a serious nature and we have informed Police Scotland of the content. Some of our pupils have been very responsible and we have been able to pass information to aid their investigation into who created this account, so action can be taken.

We are asking you to speak to your child regarding social media. We would also advise you to check your child's social media and ask them to show you who they are following. We are in the process of getting the content of these pages to be removed, but if you would like to discuss further, please get in touch.

Some of the pupils who have been spoken to have been naïve in their actions. They appear to have "liked" posts without checking the content. My understanding, is that on TikTok, accounts can add others without them knowing.

Thank you for your support. By working together we can ensure our pupils are safe and learn from mistakes.

Yours faithfully,

Kerry Galbraith Currie

Depute Head Teacher